



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

We wanted to share with you that Ami and her husband welcomed a bouncing baby girl on June 5! Her name is Mika (pronounced MEE-kah) which is Japanese for beautiful(美) flower(花). They are all home and doing well.

Please keep in mind that Clover Clips provides information regarding dates and events as known at the time of publication. Any updates will be sent via email as dates/events may need to be adjusted due to changes in guidance from the county, state, or country. To ensure you have the most up-to-date information, please make sure you are enrolled in 4HOnline.

Reminder of Extension's COVID-19 Protocol

All K-State Research and Extension face-to-face events conducted by Extension employees or our volunteers and targeted for our constituents must be cancelled, postponed or held via Zoom or other distance technology through July 4.

County Fair Livestock Tagging

If your family is only planning on showing livestock at the Johnson County Fair (and there is no possibility of the animal going to the State Fair or KJLS), the Extension office worked with Johnson County Fair Livestock Superintendent, Justin Pattimore, to put in place the following procedures that would best meet the needs of our families during this difficult time. This new process is for 2020 only. Email Jessica with tagging questions at Jessica.Barnett@jocogov.org.

Tagging Procedure

- Tagging is still required to show at the 2020 Johnson County Fair and will be done by the family – tagging deadline and submission of photo evidence of the tag in the animal's ear is **5 p.m. on July 6**.
- The link to order tags is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Livestock page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.
- Tags can be paid for online when ordering or by mailing a check. Details on the order form.
- Photographic evidence ***must*** be submitted by the end of the business day on **July 6** for the animal to be eligible to show in the 2020 Johnson County Fair.
- This is a slower process than in 'normal' years. Please have your tags ordered by June 22 to ensure enough time for processing and shipping.

Fair Edition

Changes to 4-H Animal Projects

Dog Shows Cancelled

After much consideration the co-chairs of the 4-H Dog Department, with the support of Johnson County K-State Research and Extension, have decided to not hold the county fair 4-H Dog Shows. This decision was made due to many factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the highest priority of which is the health and safety of all those that participate in the shows, in addition to the announcement that the 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show had been cancelled.

4-H'ers in the Dog Project may still enter a poster in the 4-H Dog Department this year to be judged. Also, the Johnson County 4-H Dog Project leaders plan to hold an event in October to give youth an educational show opportunity still this year.

Rabbit Shows Cancelled

Due to the presence of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2) in neighboring states, the Johnson County Fair will be adopting the proposal of the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health and will be canceling both the Open Rabbit Show on July 26, 2020 and the 4-H Rabbit Show on July 29, 2020. This decision has been made in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease and for the safety and health of the rabbits.

This year there will be two ways for youth to engage in the Rabbit Project for the county fair: Virtual Showmanship and Educational Posters. Video showmanship will be used as rabbits will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Instructions and a link will be sent out in the next few weeks for participants. Educational posters will be brought in on Tuesday when the rabbits would have been entered between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. These will be judged on Wednesday and will be displayed in the rabbit barn. Please sign up for Showmanship and Educational Poster when submitting fair entries.

All other Livestock Shows

The 2020 4-H Livestock showcase will be modified to Open Class only livestock shows ran by the Johnson County Fair Association and will mirror the schedule of the 4-H livestock shows previously published in the fair book. Please see the Extension Letter and Plan for reasoning behind canceling the 4-H livestock portion for 2020.

The Horse Show will be show and go only and no stalls will be provided.

NEW DATE! County Fair Entries

All entries for clothing construction, fashion revue, fiber arts, and home environment will be due on July 1. **4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due July 15**. This deadline provides the 4-H office time to set up scheduling for project drop off and judging.

Only online entries are accepted. The entry system is accessible through the Johnson County Fair website at www.jocokansasfair.com. Note: Once an entry is submitted it cannot be edited. If assistance is needed in making online entries please contact the Extension office or the Fair office. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation.

After the entry deadline adding an entry is not an option. If you are not sure about what you are taking to the fair, please wait until closer to the deadline to make your entries. This will help keep dropped entries to a minimum as the Fair Board has to pay for each dropped entry.

In order to save time with project check-in at the fair, 4-H'ers should print their entry tags at home.

2020 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

An electronic version of the 2020 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at www.jocokansasfair.com. There will not be a hard copy version printed this year.

Fair Edition

Mr. and Miss 4-H

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (before January 1, 2020) are eligible to apply. More information about the Mr. and Miss 4-H Program can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html. Applications are due July 1, and interviews will be held July 11.

Food and Clothing Labels

Food labels (including those for Food Preservation) are available on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print off at home, or they can be picked up at the Extension office. **Please use the Food Preservation labels that were updated in 2018 for your entries.**

Clothing labels can be made by printing in ink on a 3" x 5" piece of cloth: Class Number, County, Name, Age and Level. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

Departmental Forms

Some departments such as Energy Management, Fashion Revue, and SpaceTech, require additional forms along with the entry. These forms will be posted when available on the Johnson County Fair page on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. Please refer to each department's rules in the fair book regarding what forms are required.

Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for purchase. The cost for the pair is \$1.50. ***New this year*** You will not receive the photo sleeve at the time of purchase. Photos will be placed in the photo sleeve by the superintendents during judging. Use a large zip top bag to transport your photo(s) to the fairgrounds for check-in on Monday evening or Tuesday morning of fair. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat. Photo mounting directions and labels can be picked up at the Extension office and they are also posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print at home.

Entering Quilts in the Fair

If you are entering a quilt in the Johnson County Fair the ideal department to enter it in is the Fiber Arts department. The judge for Fiber Arts will be more experienced with quilts and therefore better able to give 4-H'ers helpful feedback.

YQCA Certification

4-H exhibitors age 8 and older exhibiting in the cattle, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified in order to exhibit at the Johnson County Fair. Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) exhibitors age 8 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals are also required to obtain certification. ****Remember to print your YQCA Certificate to bring to County Fair. If you are unsure if you are certified, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.**

Fair Edition

NEW INFORMATION! 4-H Foods Judging

4-H foods judging for 2020 will be similar to the process at the State Fair. 4-H families will sign up for a time to drop off their food entries at the Extension office on either Saturday, July 25, Sunday, July 26 or the morning of Monday, July 27. Ribbons and scorecards will be available at a later date. More details about the process will be shared soon.

As you research and test recipes for your food entries, make sure your entry is food safe and eligible for judging by keeping the following in mind:

- Your product should **not** require refrigeration.
- Cream cheese in any form (even baked in the recipe) is **not** allowed.
- Fresh fruit is **not** allowed.
- Egg custards and recipes using egg custards are **not** allowed (including cakes and pies).
- Fruit and pecan pies are allowed so long as all ingredients have been baked. So, no fresh fruit sitting on top, please.
- Be sure to include a recipe and the recipe's source for all of your entries.

If you have any questions about your food entry, please contact the Extension office.

Canning and Preservation fair classes: 4-H'ers should only use CLEAR canning jars for the fair. Save the colored blue and green canning jars for home use. Colored jars may have to be opened to check canned ingredients and if it is opened it cannot go on for further judging. This is a food safety issue.

Cloverbuds Show and Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share. A reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts when youth turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds are encouraged to show and share 1-2 projects. Sign-ups for time slots will be available at a later date. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=399>.

UPDATED! Livestock and Project Auctions

Livestock Auction: Exhibitors must turn in auction forms to sell their livestock by 4 p.m. on Wednesday and fill out and sign a W-9 IRS Form. See the Livestock Auction section in the Fair Book for more details.

Project Auction: This will be virtual and details to come. An exhibitor selling a project for \$600 or more must complete a W-9 Tax ID (social security) form to the Extension office within 5 days of the auction.

UPDATED! State Fair Entries

4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter at the Kansas State Fair as long as there is a comparable department at the State Fair. To enter in the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2020. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair should call or email Christin with their entries. **All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday, August 7.** Please note: beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15 and Horse Show entries are due by August 1. These projects have a separate entry process.

County Project Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Level Testing Update

The Kansas 4-H office has released the updated process for completing Horse Level testing in light of K-State Research and Extension's restrictions on face to face programming through July 4. Although district horse shows have been cancelled, testing is still required for state shows. To be eligible to participate, youth (both intermediate and senior) must have successfully met the requirements of Achievement Level I. For all riding classes, this includes the Achievement Level I Knowledge Test, the Achievement Level I Leadership and Educational Activities, and the Achievement Level I Horsemanship Skills. Please refer to the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook for more details. A link to the rule book is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

Following is the new procedure to complete Horse Level testing:

- All components have been moved to an online format.
 - * You will need to contact Christin or Ami to receive the link for the online test.
- There is a \$10 fee (\$5 for exam and \$5 for riding).
 - * This should be submitted with the signed coversheet upon the successful completion of the online test. (A form-fillable version of the coversheet will be attached to the email with the exam link.)
 - * Checks need to be made payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation and mailed to the Kansas 4-H office.
- Study guides can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html beneath Project Materials.
- **All levels testing must be completed by July 15.** Please note that this is a change.
- Exam details:
 - Each exam has 50 questions.
 - Each exam must be completed in one sitting.
 - 70% is required to pass all exams.
 - The score is visible at the conclusion of the exam.
 - An automated confirmation email with final score will also be sent to the email address entered at the beginning of the exam.
 - * Please forward this email to Christin to confirm exam completion.
- There is also a form-fillable version of the Leadership Section that will be sent to you with the exam link.

If you have any questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Open Horse Show

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club will be hosting an Open Horse Show on Sunday, July 19 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. The Show Bill is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

Attention 4-H Shotgun Enthusiasts!

If you are currently enrolled in 4-H, are enrolled in the Shotgun Program, are a member of a Community Club, and are 4-H aged 12 or older, you are eligible to participate in the Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports' Shotgun season. If you are not currently enrolled in 4-H, this must be done before you can participate.

Due to COVID-19, it is uncertain when the shotgun program will be starting. If you are interested, please send an email to Shooting Sports Coordinator, Lisa, at lisa@custompublications.com so that you can be put on the email list. She will then contact you with additional information before the program gets started.

Local Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Scholarship

Every year Johnson County 4-H offers a scholarship to two individuals that are either 4-H seniors or former 4-H members. The scholarship application and guidelines for the 2020 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/, under County/State Opportunities. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Please also make sure that any Johnson County 4-H alumni from the past four years who were in 4-H for at least five years are aware of this opportunity.

Taking 4-H Club and Project Meetings Digital

Continue to learn, grow, and meet with your 4-H club or project group by meeting digitally! Some 4-H programs are already meeting digitally and if your club or project group is one of them find instructions and tips for meeting using Zoom on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4_HAtHome.html.

Club and project leaders, please reach out to the Johnson County 4-H office if you are interested in learning more about meeting digitally. If you are ready to get started just contact Christin with a date and time for your meeting and she will work with you to get it set up.

Quick Tips for Accessing a Meeting:

- * Your leader will send you a link to access the meeting from a computer, Chromebook, tablet, or smartphone (least recommended).
- * If it is your first time using Zoom, please log-in 10-15 minutes before the meeting to download the application (“Zoom Cloud Meetings”) and to test the microphone and audio.
- * A document with instructions and more tips for using Zoom is posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4_HAtHome.html.

State Opportunities

State Fair FCS Judging Contest

The State FCS Judging Contest is scheduled to be held at the Kansas State Fair on Saturday, September 19. The 2020 State Fair topics will be Brewing Coffee, Carry On Luggage, Fast Food, Fundraising, Ground Transportation and Wearable Technology. The format will include a Group Think Activity, Puzzle Room, and Judging Classes. A study guide link can be found along with other contest information on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/fcs-judging/. The plan is to have a state contest virtually if a face to face contest can't be held.

SAVE THE DATE!

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be August 15 at Kansas State University.
Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 22-23 at Kansas State University.
Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser will be October 7-18 at TSC stores and online.
48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge will be October 10-11.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Cards To The Nursing Homes

By Keaton Pecenka, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

Recently, during the stay home order, the Blue River Wranglers did some community service. We have written letters, posters, drawn pictures and even made banners to send to nursing homes. The club decided to do this community service because we wanted to cheer up the residents. They can not go places and they have limited visitors. The well wishes went to local nursing homes or specific nursing homes that are important to members of our club.



4-H Meeting of the Country Hearts on May 14, 2020

By Olivia Davis, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

Due to the coronavirus our regular meeting was over Zoom. There were a few presentations during our meeting. The first presentation was on how to make fortune tellers by Emma. Second presentation was on how to make sugar cookies which were gluten free and dairy free by Elizabeth and Ethan. The third presentation was a how to shuffle cards by Evan. And finally, the fourth presentation was how to start a fire by using different fire-starting methods by Olivia. We also said congrats to our graduating seniors, Theresa and Gracie.

Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a section within Clover Clips that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the Clover Clips submission deadline.

Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Happy Helpers Stays Active During Lockdown

By George P. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

Even though in-person 4-H activities in Johnson County, Kansas are suspended until July because of COVID-19, the Happy Helpers 4-H Club has found ways to continue to be active in the community. The club decided to do a Thank You Note Blitz and make a Food Bank Donation.



The Thank You Note Blitz was a way for the club to say thank you to essential workers in the community without needing to leave home. The Happy Helpers sent over 30 thank you notes to local nurses, doctor offices, hospitals, fire fighters, policemen, postal workers, truck drivers, grocery stores, and utility providers. Members made and wrote notes thanking workers for continuing to provide for essential care and needs during this difficult time.

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club also made a donation to the food bank at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Olathe on May 18th. The families of the

club dropped off of non-perishable foods in a contact-free manner at a club leader's house. The leader then took the donations to the food bank. There were over 100 donations made and they completely filled an entire shopping cart.



The club is thankful to be able to continue learning by working individually on projects and meeting online during this time using Zoom. Members planned both the Thank You Note Blitz and the Food Bank Donation because it was important to them to express gratitude and to help others in the community.

Making the Best Better, From Home

By Noah Kwasiborski, Great Plains Club Reporter

Through these months of separation, the Great Plains 4-H Club did their best to stay connected, to have fun together, and to continue to learn.

The Great Plains had their April, May, and June monthly meetings on Zoom. The Club tried to think of creative ways to make these meetings entertaining even when we were not together. For the May meeting, the club was asked to wear funny hats during the call. In June, everyone made their own mustaches and tried to wear them during the meeting.



These creative ideas worked very well to entertain the club.

After the April meeting, the club played Quiplash, which was a game played over Zoom. Everyone was given a prompt and came up with a funny answers, then club members voted on their favorite answer! Everyone did fantastic and had fun playing this game!



June

- 1 - Last day to order Livestock Ear Tags for State Nominations
 - Livestock Grant & Mentor applications due
- 15 - Commercial Heifer, Meat Goat, Market Lamb/ Commercial Ewe and Market Swine/ Commercial Gilt Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
- 22 - Last day to order Livestock Ear Tags for Johnson County Fair tagging

July

- 1 - Entries for Clothing Construction, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts & Home Environment due
 - Jo. Co. 4-H Scholarship Applications due
 - Mr. and Miss 4-H Applications due
- 3 - Independence Day (observed), office closed
- 6 - County Council meeting
 - Deadline to tag animals for Jo. Co. Fair and Submit photographic evidence to Jessica
- 15 - Entries due for exhibits judged during fair
 - Deadline to complete Horse Level Testing
- 19 - Jo. Co. 4-H Horse Club show

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2020 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2020 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the deadline for that month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at christin.bartels@jocogov.org.

Leader Update

4HOnline Enrollment for New Families

The 4HOnline system has been set up to not allow any changes to 4-H members' projects after May 1. New families can still enroll in 4HOnline, but they will not be able to choose any projects. The Kansas 4-H office has made a step by step brochure to help new families enroll. We have posted the brochure on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Families with Financial Difficulties

All youth in the community deserve to have the positive youth development experience offered in 4-H. If you have families facing financial challenges, preventing them from participating in 4-H or an overnight event, please contact the Extension office for support.

Club Leader Resources Page

Please take some time to look over the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. If you are looking for something and can't find it, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Reminder: Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals will now be completed through 4HOnline. We asked that all current volunteers have their renewal completed by November 1. If you have not completed the renewal process in 4HOnline for the 2019-2020 year, you should not be volunteering for your club. Once you have completed the renewal process in 4HOnline and your profile has been made "Active" you may resume your volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 no longer need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.